

EXHIBIT 17

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE of the NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION for the ADVANCEMENT of
COLORED PEOPLE, on behalf of itself
and its members, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Case No. 3:20-CV-01039

WILLIAM LEE, in his official capacity
as Governor of the State of Tennessee,
et al.,

Defendants.

30(b)(6) Deposition of:

CHRISTOPHER M. HILL

Taken on behalf of the Plaintiffs
March 27, 2023
Commencing at 9:31 a.m.

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S T I P U L A T I O N S

The 30(b)(6) deposition of CHRISTOPHER M. HILL was taken by counsel for the Plaintiffs, by Notice, at the offices of Baker Donelson, 1600 West End Avenue, Suite 2000, Nashville, Tennessee, on March 27, 2023, for all purposes under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

The formalities as to notice, caption, certificate, transmission, et cetera, are expressly waived.

It is agreed that GEORGETTE K. ARENA, RPR, Notary Public and Licensed Court Reporter for the State of Tennessee, may swear the witness.

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2 CHRISTOPHER M. HILL,
3 was called as a witness, and after having been duly
4 sworn, testified as follows:

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6 EXAMINATION

7 QUESTIONS BY MS. BOWIE:

8 Q. Good morning, Mr. Hill. My name is
9 Blair Bowie. I represent the plaintiffs in this
10 lawsuit, the Tennessee NAACP versus Lee. I'm going
11 to be asking you some questions this morning.

12 Before I start, I'm just going to go over
13 some instructions so we are on the same page about
14 how things are going to go today. Is that all
15 right?

16 A. That's good.

17 Q. Okay. Have you ever sat for a deposition
18 before?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Okay. So I'll be asking you some questions.
21 The reporter is here to transcribe everything we
22 say. To make things easy on her, we can't be taking
23 at the same time. So I'd appreciate it if you can
24 please wait for me to finish asking a question
25 before you start answering it, and, likewise, I will

1 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

2 Q. Do you recall any policies being developed at
3 that time?

4 A. I don't.

5 Q. When you were reviewing policies in
6 preparation for this deposition, did you review any
7 earlier iterations of this policy?

8 A. I didn't.

9 Q. Okay. Are there any other policies related
10 to restoration of voting rights at TDOC?

11 A. Not that I'm aware of.

12 Q. What is the purpose of this policy?

13 MR. VARELA: Object to the form.

14 THE WITNESS: Again, as normal policies,
15 just to give guidance to staff in the field as to
16 the process in which to see if someone's -- to
17 determine eligibility and the process in which to
18 complete the voter restoration certificate of rights
19 form.

20 Q (BY MS. BOWIE) Who does this policy apply to?

21 A. You know, as it lists there, the assistant
22 commissioner of community supervision and all
23 Tennessee Department of Correction community
24 supervision staff.

25 Q. Okay. Let's look at this a little bit more